

WHEREAS, Missouri seniors who exemplify service and citizenship by giving back to their communities through volunteerism are worthy of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, George and Bernice Cox of Dexter regularly volunteer for Older Adults Keep Serving (OAKS) nutrition center, Stoddard County Retired Teachers Association, Southeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging, Southern Missouri Healthcare Hospital Auxiliary, Stoddard County Mental Health Board, American Cancer Society, Elks Club, and the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, George and Bernice Cox have delivered hot meals for the Meals on Wheels in conjunction with the OAKS nutrition center, serving over 13,000 dinners over the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, George and Bernice Cox coordinate the Elders Volunteering for Elders (EVE) program for the Southeast Missouri AAA, helping seniors to remain living independently in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, George and Bernice Cox work the front desk and gift shop at the hospital as part of the hospital auxiliary, as well as assisting with hospital fundraisers for equipment and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, George and Bernice Cox remain active in the Stoddard County Retired Teachers Association, helping coordinate the meetings, lining up speaking guests, and facilitating school supplies for needy children in the area; and

WHEREAS, George and Bernice Cox were nominated for Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder's Senior Service Award by State Representative Billy Pat Wright;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETER KINDER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND OFFICIAL SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby congratulate **George and Bernice Cox** for winning the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. Furthermore, I wish them the best as they continue to admirably serve the Dexter community.